



# MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**Meeting Date:** October 22, 2020

**Agenda Item:** Fishing Access Site/Wildlife Management Area Draft Biennial Rule

**Action Needed:** Proposed

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 5 minutes

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**Background:** The Fish & Wildlife Commission Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule sets the permit fees for commercial use occurring at fishing access sites, fish conservation areas, wildlife management areas, and FWP administrative sites. Changes were last made to the fee rule in 2017 and were specific to photographers and film crews.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** If the commission proposes the commercial use permit fee rule, FWP will announce and conduct a public comment period. This will be advertised through statewide and regional press releases.

**Alternatives and Analysis:** The commission could choose to propose the fee schedule as recommended by the department or propose changes of their own. In any event, this biennial rule requires reauthorization following public comment.

**Agency Recommendation & Rationale:** FWP recommends the commission propose a commercial use permit biennial fee rule for 2021/2022 that has no changes from the current fee schedule. The changes made in 2017 have worked well and the department recommends they remain unchanged for now, pending further discussions with FAS commercial users and an evaluation of administrative costs.

**Proposed Motion:** I move that the commission propose a commercial use fee rule as recommended by the department.